

TUNED IN

-Ryan Parsons-

Back in the day before prevalent affordable cable, high-speed internet, and satellite dish networks, we had a trusty old TV antenna above our back porch. There were times after high winds when it was necessary to go out and twist the 20 pole to reorient the antenna to the local television stations. I would slowly twist while someone else would yell back directions like "It's still fuzzy! Keep going!" or "You went too far. Go back!" It was a relief when we got everything aligned, and we could watch the console TV with no interference.

As I read about a guy named Philip in Acts 8, I was impressed with how "tuned in" he was.

Acts 8:26-27a

26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. 27 And he rose and went...

Philip was so tuned in to God that (1) he heard God's call (2) he was not deterred from the destination and (3) he went. Amazing!

Acts 8:29-30a

29 And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." 30 So Philip ran to him...

Later the Spirit tells Philip to get to someone who was seeking. This Ethiopian eunuch happened to be cruising along in a chariot. In order to obey what Philip heard, he had to run...and he did. Awesome!

Acts 8:30-31,35

30 So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" 31 And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" ...35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.

Finally, Philip was so tuned in to the Spirit and the Word of God that he stepped into a conversation from the prophet Isaiah and connected it to the Gospel. What a beautiful scene it must have been to see Philip baptize that eunuch in some water along the road.

Philip is a great example of what it means to be tuned in to the Lord. Reading this amazing story calls us to ask the question: "Am I tuned in to God?" Do you need some twisting and reorientation? Can you hear his call? Are you stepping into his Kingdom work? Are you listening to Him through his Word?

May God bless us as we strive to be more "tuned in" this week.